

FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 2007

HB 650/a

March 14, 2007

Madam President:

Your **FINANCE COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**, amended as follows:

1. On page 1, line 13, after the semicolon, insert "PROVIDING THAT, IN PREPARING SPECIFICATIONS, THE STATE PURCHASING AGENT OR CENTRAL PURCHASING OFFICE SHALL NOT INCLUDE ANY SPECIFIC COMPONENT THAT WOULD LIMIT COMPETITION;".

2. On page 6, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following new section:

"Section 2. Section 13-1-164 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1984, Chapter 65, Section 137) is amended to read:

"13-1-164. SPECIFICATIONS--MAXIMUM PRACTICABLE COMPETITION.-- All specifications shall be drafted so as to ensure maximum practicable competition and fulfill the requirements of state agencies and local public bodies. In preparing specifications, if, in the opinion of the state purchasing agent or central purchasing office, a proposed component is of a nature that would restrict the number of responsible bidders or responsible offerors and thereby limit competition, if practicable, the state purchasing agent or central purchasing office shall draft the specifications without the component and procure the component by issuing a separate invitation for bids or request for proposals or by entering into a sole source procurement."

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Respectfully submitted,

John Arthur Smith, Co-Chair
Timothy Z. Jennings, Co-Chair

Adopted _____ Not Adopted _____
(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

Date _____

The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against
Yes: 6
No: 0
Excused: Campos, Carraro, Jennings, Rodriguez
Absent: None

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